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THE DARKTOWN STRUTTERS' BALL

by SHELTON BROOKS

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Moderato

The musical score is presented in a standard piano-vocal format. It begins with a piano introduction in 2/4 time, marked 'Moderato' and 'mf'. The piano part features a rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal line enters in the second system with the lyrics: 'I've got some good news, Hon - ey, An in - vi - ta - tion to the'. The piano accompaniment continues with a 'p' dynamic. The second system of lyrics is: 'We'll meet our high-toned neigh - bors, An ex - hi - bi - tion of the'. The third system of lyrics is: 'Dark - town Ball, — It's a ver - y swell af - fair, — All the "Ba - by Dolls", — And each one will do — their best, — Just to'. The piano accompaniment continues with various chords and melodic lines. The score concludes with a final piano cadence.

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Am Cm6 Bm D7 G D7 G7 C Cdim.

'High brows' will be there, — I'll wear my high silk hat and a
out - class all the rest, — And there'll be danc - ers from ev - 'ry

Dm7 G7 E7 Am E7 Am Gdim.

frock tail coat, — You wear your Par - is gown, and your new silk shawl, — There
for - eign land, — The class - ic, buck and wing, and the wood - en clog: — We'll

G Gm G+ Eb G Gm E7 Am D7 G

ain't no doubt a - bout it, babe, We'll be the best dressed in the hall.
win that fif - ty dol - lar prize, When we step out and "Walk the Dog?"

CHORUS C A7 D7

I'll be down to get you in a Tax-i, Hon-ey, You better be read - y a - bout half past eight —

G7 C Cdim Dm7 G7

Now dear- ie, don't be late, - I want to be there when the band starts play-ing. Re-

C A7 D7

-mem-ber when we get there, Hon-ey, The two-steps, I'm goin' to have 'em all, - Goin' to

F Cdim C E7 A7

dance out both my shoes, - When they play the "Jel - ly Roll Blues," To-

D7 G7 Dm7 G7 C

1. Cdim G7 2. C G9 C

-mor-row night at the Dark-town Strutters' Ball. I'll be -

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